



# CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF **INDIGENOUS LAGOSIANS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



# A Brief History



The Traditional Institutions Of Lagos State  
There are FOUR Class of Chiefs in Lagos  
and they are;

**1. THE IDEJO** - Land Owners. They have all been gazetted as First Class Obas, while some had been crowned as Obas on their own ancestral lands.

OLUMEGBON, AROMIRE,  
OLOTO, OJORA,  
ONIKOYI, ONITOLO,  
ONITANA, ONIRU,  
ELEGUSHI, OLUWAONISIWO.

**2. THE AKARIGBERE** - Political and Administrative Arms and The Kingmakers, headed by The Eletu Odibo. History has it that they accompanied Ashipa on the War Expedition to Lagos.

ELETU ODIBO, OLOROGUN ADODO,  
ELETU IWASE, KOSOKO,  
OLOGUN AGBEJE, ONILEGBALE,  
ELETU ỌMO, IGBESODI,

**3. THE OGALADE** - The Religious Leadership Arm, headed by Obanikoro.

OBANIKORO, ONISEMO  
MODILE, ASA JON  
OPELUWA, ALAGBEJI  
ONIMOLE

**4. THE ABAGBON** - The War Chiefs, headed by The Asogbon.

ASOGBON, BAJULAY,  
EEGBE, SUENU,  
OLUWO JAKANDE, FAJI,  
BASHUA, SASI,  
ŞASORE, BAJULU,  
ASESI, OSHODITAPA,  
OSHODI BUKUN, SALAWĘ,  
KAKAWA, ETI,

AIYEOMOSAN, BALOGUN OKOLO,  
IPOSU, ERELUSABA.

There is also THE APENA, who serves as The Traditional Chief Justice.

This is as narrated and passed down through the years, by elders, chiefs and historical records from government documents.

**ÈKÓ ÀKÉTE, ÌLÚ ỌGBÓN, ARÓMISÁ  
LÈGBÉ LÈGBÉ.**

# About Us

**The Centre for Sustainable Development of Indigenous Lagosians** is a forum dedicated to preserving, promoting, and protecting the rights, interests, and welfare of the indigenous people of Lagos.

Our mission is to safeguard the laws, policies, properties, and territories of Lagos indigenes while promoting the economic and social growth of the region.

Additionally, we strive to enhance the quality of needs-based technical and vocational education and training to improve employment prospects for Lagos indigenes.



# Vision

To create a sustainable and inclusive future for indigenous Lagosians by advocating for their rights, preserving their heritage, and fostering socio-economic development within their communities.



# Mission

Our mission is to preserve, promote, and protect the rights, interests, and welfare of indigenous Lagosians through advocacy, community engagement, and empowering initiatives. We aim to create a conducive environment that nurtures the economic growth, social well-being, and cultural heritage of Lagos indigenes.



# Values

## **Integrity:**

We uphold the highest ethical standards and transparency in all our endeavors.

## **Unity:**

We foster a sense of unity and solidarity among indigenous Lagosians.

## **Equity:**

We strive for fairness, justice, and equal opportunities for all Lagos indigenes.

**Empowerment:** We empower Lagos indigenes through education, skills training, and capacity building.

## **Sustainability:**

We promote sustainable development practices that protect our environment and preserve our cultural heritage.



# Membership

Membership to the Centre for Sustainable Development of Indigenous Lagosians is open to all Lagos indigenes who share our vision and are committed to actively contributing to the betterment of our community.

There are no specific requirements for membership, and individuals joining the group will have the opportunity to participate in various initiatives, events, and programs.





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# FOCUS PLAN

CULTURE  
& HERITAGE

POLITICAL  
ENGAGEMENTS  
& RIGHTS

YOUTH  
REBRANDING &  
INDIGENES  
SUPPORT

DIGITAL  
ECONOMY &  
INVESTMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES

# Culture & Heritage



**1. Documentation and Research:** Conduct comprehensive research and documentation of the cultural heritage of Lagos. This includes recording oral histories, documenting traditional practices, capturing architectural features, and cataloging artifacts and artworks. This information serves as a valuable resource for understanding and preserving the city's cultural heritage.

**2. Cultural Festivals and Events:** Organize and support cultural festivals, events, and celebrations that showcase the diverse cultural traditions of Lagos. These events provide platforms for cultural exchange, community engagement, and the transmission of traditional practices and knowledge.

**3. Cultural Education and Awareness:** Work with the Lagos State government to integrate cultural education and heritage awareness programs into primary school curricula. Promote cultural heritage awareness campaigns targeting the primary school pupils to foster appreciation and respect for Lagos' cultural diversity.

Preserving the culture and heritage of Lagos is crucial for maintaining its identity and history.

Here are some of our strategies to achieve that:

**4. Art and Craft Promotion:** Support local artisans and craftsmen by providing platforms for showcasing and selling their traditional crafts and artworks. Encourage the continuation of traditional art forms and craftsmanship through training programs and workshops.

**5. Community Engagement and Participation:** Involve local communities in the preservation and promotion of their cultural heritage. Encourage community-led initiatives, such as heritage committees or cultural associations, to actively participate in heritage preservation efforts.

**6. Legal Protection and Policies:** Enact and enforce heritage protection laws and regulations that safeguard cultural heritage sites, artifacts, and intangible practices. Collaborate with relevant government agencies and stakeholders to develop policies and guidelines for heritage preservation and management.

**7. Tourism and Cultural Experiences:** Develop sustainable cultural tourism initiatives that highlight the unique cultural heritage of Lagos. Encourage responsible tourism practices that respect and support local communities and their traditions.

**8. Public-Private Partnerships:** Foster collaborations between government bodies, private enterprises, and community organizations to pool resources and expertise for cultural heritage preservation projects. Encourage corporate social responsibility initiatives that support heritage conservation and community development.

Preserving the culture and heritage of Lagos requires a multi-faceted approach involving various stakeholders. It is crucial to balance preservation efforts with sustainable development to ensure the cultural heritage of Lagos remains vibrant and relevant for future generations.

# Political Engagements & Rights



Political appointments and the rights of indigenous Lagosians are important issues that need to be addressed to promote inclusivity and fair representation. Here are some step-by-step solutions to address these problems:

## 1. Recognition of Indigenous Lagosians:

- Conduct a comprehensive study and documentation of the indigenous communities in Lagos, including their history, culture, and contributions.
- Establish a legal framework that recognizes and protects the rights of indigenous Lagosians, encompassing their land rights, cultural heritage, and political representation.

## 2. Inclusion in Political Appointments:

- Implement policies that ensure adequate representation of indigenous Lagosians in political appointments at all levels of government.
- Create affirmative action programs and quotas that reserve a certain percentage of political appointments for indigenous Lagosians.
- Encourage and support indigenous Lagosians to participate in the political process, including running for political offices.

## 3. Education and Awareness:

- Develop educational programs and campaigns to raise awareness about the rights and contributions of indigenous Lagosians.
- Promote cultural exchange programs and initiatives to foster understanding and appreciation between indigenous Lagosians and other communities.

## 4. Land Rights:

- Establish a legal framework that protects the land rights of indigenous Lagosians, ensuring they have secure tenure and are not displaced from their ancestral lands.
- Create a transparent and accessible process for resolving land disputes and addressing encroachments on indigenous lands.
- Provide support and resources for indigenous Lagosians to develop and utilize their lands for sustainable economic activities.

## 5. Community Development:

- Implement programs that focus on the socio-economic development of indigenous Lagosian communities, including access to quality healthcare, education, infrastructure, and employment opportunities.
- Collaborate with indigenous community leaders to identify and address specific needs and priorities of their communities.
- Promote entrepreneurship and capacity-building initiatives within indigenous Lagosian communities to enhance their economic empowerment.

## 6. Collaborative Governance:

- Foster collaboration and dialogue between government authorities and indigenous Lagosian leaders to ensure their voices are heard in decision-making processes.
- Establish a platform for regular consultations and engagement between government officials and indigenous Lagosians to address their concerns and aspirations.
- Encourage the formation of indigenous representative bodies or councils to facilitate effective communication and engagement with the government.

It is essential to remember that these solutions would be implemented in consultation and collaboration with indigenous Lagosian communities themselves. Their active involvement and participation in the decision-making process will ensure that the solutions are tailored to their specific needs and aspirations.

# Youth Re-branding & Indigenes Support



Youth rebranding and indigenous support initiatives are valuable for empowering young people and providing them with opportunities for personal growth and development. By offering training, support, and

needs and contributions of indigenous youth and advocate for their rights, inclusion, and equal opportunities.

**3. Tech Training and Skill Development:** Offering a wide range of training programs and workshops to help the indigenous youth acquire new skills and knowledge. These include but are not limited to vocational training, entrepreneurship programs, leadership development, financial literacy, and digital skills. These initiatives can enhance their employability and empower them to pursue their goals.

**4. Mentorship and Role Models:** Connecting the indigenous youth with mentors and role models who can provide guidance, support, and inspiration. Mentors can help them navigate challenges, set goals, and make informed decisions. It is important to ensure that mentors and role models are culturally sensitive and have a deep understanding of the challenges faced by the indigenous youth.

**5. Access to Resources:** Ensuring that indigenous youth have access to resources such as scholarships, grants, and financial assistance for education and training. This can help remove financial barriers and create equal opportunities for success.

**6. Community Support:** Establishing programs that provide support for marginalized individuals within indigenous communities, such as the elderly or those facing economic hardships. This can include initiatives like community kitchens, healthcare assistance, and social welfare programs. By addressing the needs of the less privileged, we foster a sense of inclusivity and unity within the community.

resources, these initiatives can help the indigenous youth overcome stereotypes and societal challenges, creating a pathway towards a brighter future.

**Here are some steps that we are taking to establish such an avenue:**

**1. Collaboration:** Partnering with local community organizations, government agencies, and NGOs that specialize in youth development and indigenous issues. By working together, we can pool resources, expertise, and networks to create a more comprehensive and effective program.

**2. Needs Assessment, Advocacy, and Awareness:** Conducting a thorough needs assessment to identify the specific challenges faced by indigenous youth in the community and using that information to inform advocacy and awareness efforts. This will involve surveys, interviews, and focus groups to gain a better understanding of their aspirations, challenges, and the types of support they require. Through this assessment, we can raise awareness about the unique

# Digital Economy & Investment Opportunities



# Activities

- Advocacy and lobbying for the rights and interests of indigenous Lagosians.
- Community engagement and empowerment programs.
- Cultural preservation and promotion initiatives.
- Collaboration with government agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders.
- Capacity building workshops and skills training programs.
- Awareness campaigns on sustainable development and environmental conservation.





# Achievements

- Made significant progress in advocating for the rights and welfare of indigenous Lagosians.
- Successfully organized community empowerment programs, benefiting numerous Lagos indigenes.
  - Collaborated with government agencies on policy development and implementation.
- Raised awareness about the importance of preserving Lagos' cultural heritage and natural resources.



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